

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

HAL B. RIDGEWAY, M.D.,

Respondent

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ORDER GRANTING PETITION

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On May 22, 1991, the Medical Examining Board issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's order, respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin was suspended for a period of five years from the date he entered drug treatment on May 23, 1989. The suspension was stayed conditioned upon compliance with specified limitations on Dr. Ridgeway's practice. Among these were that respondent participate in a recognized program for the treatment of chemical dependency, and that he participate in witnessed ingestion of Antabuse on a daily basis.

By letter dated February 5, 1992, respondent requested that his limited license be modified to eliminate the requirement that his daily ingestion of Antabuse be witnessed. Dr. Ridgeway appeared before the board at its meeting of February 19, 1992, in support of that request, and the board denied the request by its Order dated March 6, 1992.

By letter dated March 31, 1992, Dr. Ridgeway notified the board of his impending relocation to the State of Florida. Dr. Ridgeway requested that he be permitted to carry out the terms and conditions of his limited license in Florida through Physicians Recovery Network, The Florida Impaired Practitioner Program for Medicine, Department of Professional Regulation. Dr. Ridgeway appeared before the board on May 21, 1992, in support of his request, and the board considered the matter on that date.

Based on Dr. Ridgeway's request, and other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that paragraphs a., b., and c. of the board's Order in this matter dated May 22, 1991, are modified to read as follows:

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a. The Medical Director of the Physicians Recovery Network, Florida Impaired Practitioner Program for Medicine, Department of Professional Regulation, or his designee, shall be Dr. Ridgeway's supervising physician throughout the term of this Order.

b. Dr. Ridgeway shall fully participate in all components of the Physicians Recovery Network, Florida Impaired Practitioner Program for Medicine, Department of Professional Regulation. Dr. Ridgeway shall comply with all recommendations of his supervising physician for inpatient or outpatient treatment, and shall comply with all aspects of the program as recommended by his supervising physician.

c. Dr. Ridgeway shall be maintained on an Antabuse program, which shall require that Dr. Ridgeway ingest Antabuse daily unless it is medically contraindicated. Dr. Ridgeway's taking of Antabuse shall be in a form to ensure ingestion, and shall be in an observed setting Monday through Friday.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Thomas H. Ross, M.D., West Palm Beach, Florida, is approved as Dr. Ridgeway's employment supervising physician.

Dated this 28 day of May, 1992.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by B. Ann Neviaser  
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Secretary

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